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SCIENTIFIC NEWS.

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Subjects for 1895 :—(1) A study of the “ Fall line ” in New Jersey ; (2) A study of the Devonian formation of the Ohio basin ; (3) Relations of the order Plantaginaceae ; (4) Experimental investigations in morphology or embryology.

Subjects for 1896 :—(1) A study of the area of schistose or foliated rocks in the eastern United States ; (2) A study of the development of river valleys in some considerable area of folded or faulted Appalachian structure in Pennsylvania, Virginia or Tennessee ; (3) An experimental study of the effects of close-fertilization in the case of some plant of short cycle ; (4) Contributions to our knowledge of the general morphology or the general physiology of any animal, except man.

NOTE.—In all cases the memoirs are to be based on a considerable body of original work, as well as on a general review of the literature of the subject.

SAMUEL HENSHAW,
Secretary.